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Judge gives a go to Tumalo pipeline project

BY MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
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Opponents of an irrigation pipeline project in Central Oregon are incorrect that it violates an easement meant for open canals, according to a federal judge.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Mustafa Kasubhai has deter-

mined the Tumalo Irrigation District hasn't exceeded the scope of an easement across opponents' properties by replacing open canals with piping.

The irrigation district is installing pipelines to conserve water that would otherwise be lost to seepage and evap-

oration, but opponents fear the loss of an open canal will harm vegetation and reduce their property values.

Kasubhai has recommended rejecting the arguments of nine landowners who filed a complaint seeking to block the pipeline project, but the ruling must still

be affirmed by U.S. District Judge Anne Aiken to have legal effect.

"Placing irrigation pipes below ground is a reasonable modification that falls squarely within the easement's purpose," Kasubhai said.

The argument that

landowners will be "unnecessarily burdened" by diminished property values should also fail, he said. "However, the removal of an unintentional benefit to servient estate holder is insufficient to establish an increase in burden."

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Residents can vote to buy public art

BY TIM TRAINOR

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Redmond residents who always wanted to be among the art world cognoscenti now have their chance.

The Redmond Committee for Art in Public Places has launched its 2022 "Art Around the Clock" people's choice ballot.

Art Around the Clock is a free outdoor public art gallery in downtown Redmond, displaying juried sculptures on loan for a two-year term. After two years, the people's choice-winning sculpture is purchased and becomes part of the gallery's permanent collection.

Residents may vote for their favorite sculpture, like this "Bulldog."



Redmond Committee for Art in Public Places image

The current round of "Art Around the Clock" showcases 17 sculptures with a total value of \$175,000. Of those 17, 15 are on the ballot for possible purchase.

Redmond residents can vote for their favorite sculpture online at www.RedmondOregon.gov or submit a ballot at city hall by May 16.

Redmond's public art program is supported primarily through grants, as well as private monetary and artwork donations.

The "Art Around the Clock" program has invested a little more than \$50,000 to purchase the 38 permanent sculptural art currently on display. The total value of Redmond's public art collection is currently estimated at \$818,000.

To learn more about outdoor gallery and other RCAPP programs, visit <https://www.redmondoregon.gov/government/commissions-committees/redmond-commission-for-art-in-public-places-rcapp/public-art> or facebook.com/Redmond-PublicArt.

For more information, contact program coordinator Jaclyn Abslag at 541-923-7763 or Jaclyn.abslag@redmondoregon.gov.

Homelessness in Central Oregon

How to help

For suggestions on how to help the region's residents experiencing homelessness, contact the Homeless Leadership Coalition by email at info@cohomeless.org.

» Volunteers work on setting up tables of donated items during an outreach event for the houseless off Antler Avenue in Redmond on Friday, April 29.

» Ken Cardwell, a board member with Jericho Road, organizes a table with food items while volunteering during the outreach event for the houseless.

Ryan Brennecke photos/The Bulletin



Region rallies to support homeless

BY SUZANNE ROIG • The Bulletin

News coverage of homelessness in Central Oregon can create concern and even negative feedback. But recent coverage, including The Bulletin's Faces of Homelessness series, has also inspired a wave of compassion and generosity.

The most recent story of Tessa Moon, a homeless mother of four in Redmond, touched a nerve in Central Oregon. Readers responded with offers of free labor, gas cards and cash to help the family back into the Redmond mobile home they can't live in because of septic tank issues.

Since that story appeared in The Bulletin on April 24, more than 18 people have called or emailed pledging support from septic tank work to cash. A fund was es-



Volunteers help members of the houseless community look through a variety of food and clothing donations during an outreach event off Antler Avenue in Redmond on Friday, April 29.

tablished in Moon's behalf and more than \$5,000 has been deposited.

Since January, The Bulletin has spotlighted the broad issues of the houseless, showing that it knows no county lines, or age limits. Solutions are as unique as the individuals they seek to help. Advocates say that solutions require a concerted effort from

individuals, businesses and government.

"The most obvious way to help is to provide capital that people can access to preserve their properties," said Scott Cooper, executive director of NeighborImpact, a Central Oregon nonprofit that helps 55,000 households a year with food and shelter.

"If you are moved to help,

urge policymakers to support programs."

Support from non-profit organizations range from low-cost loans to fund well water replacements, to home preservations, foreclosure counseling, rapid rehousing, food, emergency shelter and clothing. There are dozens of organizations in Deschutes County alone working to ad-

dress homelessness.

But individuals can play a role, too.

When The Bulletin ran a story about John, a homeless pensioner in Redmond who was priced out of renting even a small apartment, several people reached out to offer him a low-cost home, donate cash and to help him find a home.

When The Bulletin ran a story about Daniel "Dray" Aguirre, a homeless Central Oregon Community College student and advocate for those experiencing homelessness, a first-time donor sent in \$750 to the COCC Foundation's First Generation Scholarship Fund.

"The Bulletin's articles on the faces of the homeless helps provide an understanding of why and how and who are the homeless and who are not homeless," wrote Steve Wallaert, a Central Oregon resident in an email. "There are always those who wish to tar the homeless with all of society's ills and articles such as yours will never penetrate the wall of ignorance.

"I, however, am optimistic about the basic goodness in most people."

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